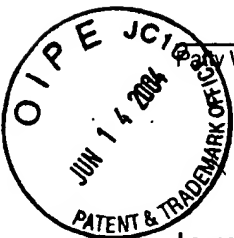


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In re Application of: Mount et al.

Group Art Unit: 1647

Serial No.: 09/835,976

Examiner: Wegert, Sandra L.

Filed: April 16, 2001

Docket No.: 1242/26/2

Confirmation No.: 3961

For: PURIFIED AND ISOLATED POTASSIUM-CHLORIDE COTRANSPORTER
NUCLEIC ACIDS AND POLYPEPTIDES AND THERAPEUTIC AND
SCREENING METHODS USING SAME

AMENDMENT A

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is responsive to the Official Action dated December 12, 2003, having a
period for Response that expired on March 12, 2004. A petition for a three-month
extension of the deadline to June 12, 2004 is hereby made. Please charge the
extension fee of \$475.00 for a small entity to Deposit Account No. 50-0426. Since June
12, 2004 was a Saturday, the deadline is automatically extended to Monday, June 14,
2004. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following
Amendments and Remarks.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the subject application as follows:

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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/835,976 for
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COTRANSPORTER NUCLEIC ACIDS AND POLYPEPTIDES
AND THERAPEUTIC AND SCREENING METHODS USING
SAME
Our Ref. No. 1242/26/2

Sir:

Please find enclosed in connection with the subject U.S. patent application the following documents:

1. An Amendment Transmittal Form (2 pages);
2. An Amendment A (29 pages);
3. A return-receipt postcard to be returned to us with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office filing stamp thereon; and
4. A Certificate of Express Mail No.: EV372404498US.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with the filing of this correspondence to Deposit Account Number 50-0426.

Respectfully submitted,

JENKINS, WILSON & TAYLOR, P.A.



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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1)-(4)) for three months:

Fee: \$475.00

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FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+ \$ 0.00	= \$ 0.00		
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE					\$ 0.00		

No additional fee for claims is required.

FEE PAYMENT

5. Authorization is hereby made to charge the amount of \$493.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-0426.

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